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February 9, 2018

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Dear Executive Secretary Medialdea:

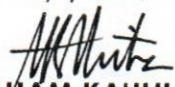
Greetings!

We respectfully submit the CY2017 Accomplishment Report of the Games and Amusements Board (GAB), specifically on the programs, projects and activities done by the agency to improve the delivery of service to the public, in accordance with our mandate.

Should there be any question/clarifications, you may contact us at telephone no. (02) 817-2184 or email us at chairman@gab.gov.ph.

Thank you very much.

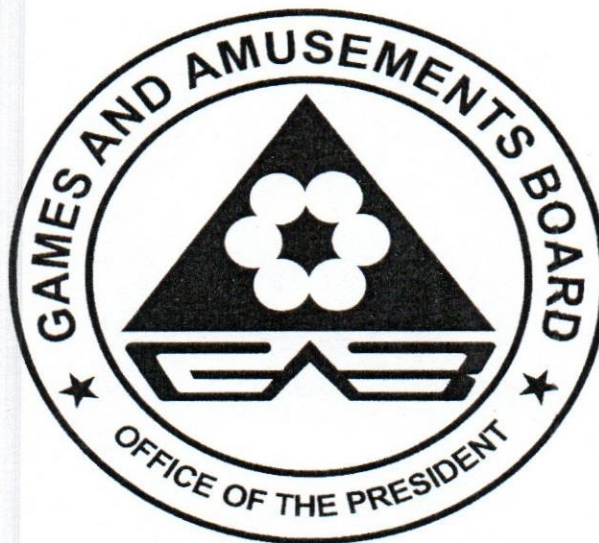
Very truly yours,


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GAMES AND AMUSEMENTS BOARD

Accomplishment Report
January – December 2017



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GAMES AND AMUSEMENTS BOARD

The Games and Amusements Board (GAB), an agency attached to the Office of the President, is vested with supervisory and regulatory authority over professional sports and games in the Philippines. It was created as part of the government reorganization in 1951 pursuant to Executive Order 392 entitled "Further Reorganizing the Different Executive Departments, Bureaus, Offices, and Agencies of the Government of the Republic of the Philippines, Making Certain Readjustments of Personnel and Reallotments of Funds in Connection Therewith, and For Other Purposes."

ACCOMPLISHMENT REPORT JANUARY – DECEMBER 2017

The year 2017 was considered the milestone year for the Games and Amusements Board (GAB) as it made history many considered impossible to achieve. Continuing what GAB left off in CY2016, several changes were also made in CY2017, aimed at improving the delivery of service to the public and contributing to the coffers of the government through generation of higher revenue.

Below are the most notable achievements of GAB in CY2017, to wit:

1. Free Medical Examinations for all Filipino professional boxers

One of the notable accomplishments of GAB is the provision of free medical examinations including CT Scan and MRI for all Filipino professional boxers in all government hospitals in the country. This undertaking was made possible through the execution of Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) between the GAB and the Department of Health (DOH) in CY2017. Based on this agreement, the GAB shall provide the names of qualified boxers who will undertake the medical examinations in government hospitals in the country to be provided by the DOH.

In November 2017, implementation of the MOA took effect and thirty-nine (39) Filipino boxers were the first batch recommended for the grant of free medical examinations.

The rationale behind the grant of free medical examinations is to help improve the welfare of professional boxers, because, in the past, such medical examinations required before securing annual boxing license, have become the major source of expenses for Filipino boxers and such expenses not only have diminished greatly their meager income but also in many cases, have gone beyond their financial capacity, depriving them of their own means of livelihood. The Provision of Free Medical Examinations will result to financial security for our boxers which can highly serve as a motivational foundation for them to work hard and excel in the boxing sport.

More than a thousand boxers will be benefited by this undertaking, and more boxers are expected and will be encouraged to participate and secure license from GAB, which will also translate to higher revenue for the government.

2. Commission of the Year Award

In recognition of GAB's hard work and dedication in improving the sport of professional boxing in the Philippines, the GAB was awarded the Commission of the Year by the World Boxing Council (WBC) during its 55th Annual Convention held at Fairmont Baku Flame Towers Hotel in Baku City, Azerbaijan last October 2017. The GAB was chosen from among the 161-member countries of the WBC;

3. Anti-Illegal Gambling operations

As of this time, no PNP personnel are detailed to Anti-Illegal Gambling Unit (AIGU) to assist GAB in its anti-illegal gambling operations. But this did not stop GAB from performing its mandate under Administrative Order Nos. 262 and 222 s. of 1992 and 1995, respectively.

In CY2017, reports of illegal gambling activities received and/or detected by GAB were referred or coordinated to the National Bureau of investigation (NBI) for appropriate action. A total of 63 suspected illegal bookie joints were referred to NBI on April 10, 2017.

Through the joint operation of GAB and NBI, a total of 43 individuals involved in the operation of illegal bookie joints were apprehended, to wit:

No. of persons arrested	Date of Actual Raid	Address
2	May 12, 2017	Santa Cruz, Manila
3	May 12, 2017	Quiapo, Manila
12	May 18, 2017	Santa Cruz, Manila
2	May 23, 2017	Sampaloc, Manila
8	September 6, 2017	Santa Cruz, Manila
6	October 25, 2017	Malate, Manila
6	December 19, 2017	Sampaloc, Manila

4. Improved Delivery of Service through Streamlined Procedures

In its effort to improve the delivery of service to the public, the GAB made improvements on its most availed frontline service such as the issuance of license and permits, and streamlined its applications and processes in accordance with the provisions of Republic Act No. 9485, otherwise known as the Anti-Red Tape Act (ARTA).

The process improvement includes reducing of medical and documentary requirements in order to shorten the turnaround time and hasten the issuance of license and permits and reduce the cost of expenses for applicants.

Further, the GAB implemented the One-Stop-Shop Mobile Licensing wherein licenses are issued on-the-spot during the actual conduct of sports like golf and cycling as well as during cockfighting seminars and events. Medical and IT personnel are being assigned during actual event to conduct drug testing and physical examinations and issue ID/License of applicants, respectively. The mobile

licensing drew praises from various stakeholders due to its improved and faster delivery of service.

5. Accreditation of New Professional Sports under the GAB's regulatory and supervisory authority

Following a series of consultations with the officials of different professional sports leagues and associations in the country, the GAB welcomed the entry of the following professional sports in CY 2017:

- a. Football (under the Philippine Football League)
- b. E-Sports (under E-Sports Association of the Philippines)
- c. Motocross Racing
- d. Dart

Such accreditation resulted to additional revenue for the government through the collected permit fee per game and license fees of all participating athletes.

6. Hosting of the 3rd Philippine Boxing Convention (PBC) and the 55th Oriental and Pacific Boxing Federation (OPBF)

In CY 2017, the GAB hosted two boxing conventions, namely the 3rd Philippine Boxing Convention (PBC) in Davao City and the 55th Oriental and Pacific Boxing Federation (OPBF) in Puerto Princesa City, Palawan. Both conventions aimed to a) contribute to the strengthening of the foundation of Philippine professional boxing through sound supervisory and regulatory policies that are studied, discussed, reviewed, crafted and updated in the convention; b) help in adopting new and fresh knowledge about proper and adequate safety standards in the practice of professional boxing sport (boxing is essentially a contact sports that requires appropriate measures in the prevention of health and physical risks as well as injuries during competition); and c) identify other boxing measures that need further improvement.

Both conventions drew record-breaking support and participation of contingents from local and foreign countries. The PBC was attended by boxing licensees and enthusiasts from different parts of the country as well as other foreign delegates. The OPBF Convention was attended by recognized boxing personalities and delegates from the U.S.A., Japan, Australia, South Korea, China, Malaysia, Thailand, Indonesia, Hongkong and Pakistan;

7. Participation to Sports Seminars and Trainings

In order to update the knowledge, develop skills and improve the services of GAB personnel assigned to supervise and regulate professional sports, the GAB invited resource speakers to conduct the following seminars and trainings:

- a. Mixed-Martial Arts Seminar (Part 1) on February 28, 2017
- b. Mixed-Martial Arts Seminar (Part 2) on April 20, 2017
- c. Seminar-Orientation on Football Rules and Regulations on May 18, 2017

8. Conduct of Sabong Standardization Seminar

In its effort to create awareness on the role of GAB in the supervision and regulation of cockfighting in the country, the GAB implemented the Sabong Standardization Seminar for cockfighting personnel in CY 2017, which aimed to upgrade and professionalize the cockfighting industry. The seminars were conducted in the following places:

Place	Date
1. Narra Cockpit, Narra, Palawan	February 4, 2017
2. Nat'l Federation of Gamefowl Breeders, Dumaguete City	February 10, 2017
3. Nat'l Federation of Gamefowl Breeders, Tuguegarao City	February 16, 2017
4. Noveleta Cockpit, Noveleta, Cavite	March 4, 2017
5. GRG Amusement Center, Bacolod City	March 27, 2017
6. Tuy Cockpit, Tuy, Batangas	April 27, 2017
7. Roligon Cockpit, Parañaque City	May 8, 2017
8. La Loma Cockpit, Quezon City	June 17, 2017
9. Jaycee Clay Sports Complex, Cauayan, Isabela	July 21, 2017
10. Lucena Cockpit Arena, Lucena City	July 24, 2017
11. Sto. Domingo, Nabua, Camarines Sur	July 26, 2017
12. Cagsawa Sports Arena, Daraga, Albay	July 27, 2017
13. Cabuyao Coliseum, Brgy. Pulo, Cabuyao, Laguna	August 23, 2017
14. Fantastic Coliseum, Alaminos, Laguna	August 24, 2017
15. Red Lion Cockpit, Magarao, Camarines Sur	August 28, 2017
16. Sorsogon Cockpit Coliseum, Sorsogon City	August 29, 2017
17. New Tarlac Coliseum, Tarlac City	September 3, 2017
18. Dinalupihan Coliseum, Dinalupihan, Bataan	October 16, 2017
19. Pangasinan Coliseum, Calasiao, Pangasinan	October 17, 2017
20. Sta. Rosa Cockpit Arena, Sta. Rosa, Nueva Ecija	October 18, 2017
21. Sta. Cruz, Laguna	October 27, 2018
22. San Carlos, Pangasinan	November 4, 2017
23. Nueva Vizcaya	November 30, 2017
24. Las Piñas City, Metro Manila	December 3, 2017
25. Bacolod City, Negros Occidental	December 20, 2017

9. Consultation/Dialogue with Professional Boxers

On November 21, 2017, the GAB hosted the consultation meeting with all licensed professional boxers in the Philippines, including their trainers and managers. The objective of the meeting is to know if there are problems encountered by boxers while transacting with the GAB or during actual supervision of boxing events. Further, the GAB wanted to solicit ideas and suggestions on how the GAB can assist and effectively serve them.

The meeting also tackled the following:

- Update on boxing rules and regulations
- Boxer's Relief Fund
- Medical aspect

The Board is planning to make the consultation meetings with boxers included in the regular activities of GAB.

10. Financial Assistance to Injured Boxers and MMA Fighters

In CY 2017, financial assistance amounting to P180,000.00 was granted to professional boxers and MMA fighters who suffered injuries and death. This is in addition to a total amount of P1,278,000.00 which was given to boxers and MMA fighters since the establishment of the Boxer's Relief Fund and MMA Fighters Welfare Fund in 2002.

The cash balances of both Funds are deposited in the national treasury under Trust Fund 184 and are withdrawable upon compliance of the requirements of the Bureau of the Treasury and Department of Budget and Management.

The following boxers were granted financial assistance in CY 2017:

Beneficiaries	Amount
1. Joseph T. Aban	25,000.00
2. Jobert A. Bardon	5,000.00
3. Ronnel V. Toquero	5,000.00
4. Renante A. Suacasa	5,000.00
5. Ronerex V. Dalut	5,000.00
6. Junuel Lacar	5,000.00
7. Victor Man-on	5,000.00
8. John Lawrence Ordoño	5,000.00
9. Renie Dacquel	10,000.00
10. Rockytune M. Batolbatol	25,000.00
11. Arnel T. Baconaje	5,000.00
12. Peter Sescon Jr.	5,000.00
13. Roque Lauro	5,000.00
14. Jeffrey C. Claro	25,000.00
15. Henry Baliña	10,000.00
16. Romnick Na-ong Dejan	25,000.00
TOTAL	180,000.00

11. New GAB License Renewal System

This CY2017, the GAB started the adoption of a new License Renewal System based on Birthdate, to make it simpler and easier for license holders to renew their licenses since this would just require them to have in mind their date of birth when renewing license. The validity of license of non-players is changed from one year to two years while the validity of license of players such as boxer, golfer, cyclist, basketball player, MMA fighter, e-sports player and football player remains one year, effective on birthdate.

12. International Commitment

The GAB is a long-time member of several international professional sports organizations, and as an expression of commitment as well as to strengthen linkages and develop cooperation and support, the Board attended the conventions and sport events abroad.

In CY 2017, Chairman Abraham Kahlil B. Mitra was appointed International Secretary and a voting member of the WBC Board of Governors, which paved way for the Philippines to have more participation in the WBC activities and for Filipino boxers and promoters to have bigger voice in the world's prestigious boxing body.

Further, Chairman Mitra was also appointed as President of the Oriental and Pacific Boxing Federation (OPBF), the most respected sanctioning body of professional boxing in the Orient and the Pacific region.

As part of GAB's international commitment, Chairman Mitra attended and represented the Philippines in the following sporting events and activities:

- a. Consultation meeting with officials of the Japan Boxing Commission and boxing promoters in Japan on April 4-6, 2017 regarding the participation of Filipino boxers in Japan and vice versa;
- b. World Boxing Association Championship Title fights in Shan Xi Province, China on May 7, 2017;
- c. 34th Annual Convention of the International Boxing Federation held in St. Petersburg, Florida, USA on May 20-26, 2017 (with former Commissioner Matthew P. Gaston);
- d. 30th Congress of the World Boxing Organization (WBO) in Miami, Florida, USA on October 23-27, 2017;
- e. 96th Convention of the World Boxing Association (WBA) in Medellin, Colombia on October 29 to November 4, 2017;
- f. Supervisor to the World Boxing Council (WBC) Minimumweight Championship Title fight between Wanheng Menayothin and Tatsuya Fukuhara on November 25, 2017 at Nakhon Ratchasima Province, Thailand.

On the other hand, Commissioner Eduard B. Trinidad attended the following:

- a. International Boxing Federation (IBF) Championship Title fights in Shenzhen Baoan Sports Center, China on July 10-13, 2017;
- b. World Boxing Association Minimumweight Championship fight in Bangkok, Thailand, on July 13-16, 2017;
- c. The International 2017 DOTA2 Championship in Seattle, Washington, USA on August 9-15, 2017; and
- d. Filipino boxer Reymart Gaballo's fight against Mexico's Ernest Guerrero in Hawaii, USA on November 13-16, 2017.

Commissioner Mario I. Masanguid attended the following:

- a. Boxing event featuring three Filipino boxers in Macao, China on October 25-29, 2017.

Former Commissioner Matthew P. Gaston attended the following:

- a. 34th Annual Convention of the International Boxing Federation held in St. Petersburg, Florida, USA on May 20-26, 2017;
- b. Supervisor to International Boxing Federation (IBF) Championship Title fights in Shenzhen Baoan Sports Center, China on July 10-13, 2017;

- c. World Boxing Association Minimumweight Championship fight in Bangkok, Thailand, on July 13-16, 2017; and
- d. The International 2017 DOTA2 Championship in Seattle, Washington, USA on August 6-15, 2017.

The above-official travels are important because of the benefits these events can offer to GAB and most importantly, to protect the welfare and interest of our Filipino boxers and other professional athletes licensed by GAB. We are able to establish networks, create liaisons and linkages with our counterparts abroad. At the same time, we can find best practice that we can adopt in the Philippines to improve the supervisory and regulatory powers of GAB.

13. Memorandum of Agreement between GAB and Singwangcha Foundation

On November 11, 2017, the GAB signed a Memorandum of Agreement with Mr. Naris Singwangcha, President of Singwangcha Foundation, during the Convention of the Oriental and Pacific Boxing Federation in Puerto Princesa City, Palawan.

The agreement covers the grant of financial assistance amounting to P3,000.00 per month to retired and former world champions, in recognition of their contribution to professional boxing.

14. Other activities

The Members of the Board also participated in the following:

- a. Hearings of the House of Representatives on House Bill No. 299, re: "An act granting healthcare, retirement and death benefits to professional Filipino athletes who win world championship titles in international professional sports competitions or in other equally prestigious international championship games and providing funds therefor.
- b. Hearings of the House of Representatives on House Bill No. 4843, re: "An Act Strengthening the Games and Amusements Board and for Other Purposes"
- c. Hearings of the Senate on Senate Bill No. 1306, re: "Creation of the Philippine Boxing Commission".
- d. Hearing of the House of Representative on the creation of Philippine Amusements and Gaming Authority.
- e. Hearing on the creation of Department of Sports
- f. Meetings of the Technical Working Group on Senate Bill No. 1306
- g. Coordination meeting with officials of the National Bureau of Investigation (NBI) on illegal gambling.
- h. Consultation meetings with GAB officials and employees
- i. Technical Budget Hearing (Tier 2) of the Department of Budget and Management
- j. Exit Conference meeting with COA Auditors

- k. Monthly Ratings of Boxers for Philippine Rankings and Oriental and Pacific Boxing Federation (OPBF) rankings
- l. Sports activities of the Games and Amusements Board's employees
- m. Sports promotions in boxing, MMA, cockfighting, horseracing, basketball, etc.
- n. Various seminars and trainings for GAB officials and employees.

15. Increase in the Number of Licenses and Permits Issued

Due to Board's initiative for reforms and pro-active stand to strengthen the supervision and regulation of professional sports in the country, the actual number of licenses and permits issued in CY 2017 surpassed its record in CY2016. The significant increase can be attributed to the accreditation of sports of Football, E-Sports, Motocross and Darts, as well as the nationwide implementation of the Sabong Standardization Seminar.

The details of licenses and permits issued are as follows:

	CY 2016 Accomplishment	CY2017 ACCOMPLISHMENT	INCREASE/RATE
Licenses	2,575	6,485	3,910 (152%)
Permits	1,203	1,642	439 (36%)
Grand Total	3,778	8,127	4,349 (115%)

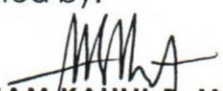
16. Higher Revenue Collection for the Government

The significant increase in the number of permits and licenses issued, likewise resulted to higher revenue collection for the government. The total revenue collection in CY 2017 amounting to P27,876,471.86 surpassed the CY2016 record of P17,415,753.29, with an increase of 60%, as shown in the table below:

Account Title	CY2016	CY2017
Fund 101		
Licenses, Permits & Other Fees	7,490,972.81	13,149,806.46
General administration	61,245.05	9,315.96
Sub-Total (111)	7,552,217.86	13,159,122.42
Fund 151		
3% share on TV coverage	2,202,561.50	5,592,100.00
3% share on gross gate receipts	7,660,973.93	9,125,249.44
Sub-Total (151)	9,863,535.43	14,717,349.44
GRAND TOTAL	17,415,753.29	27,876,471.86

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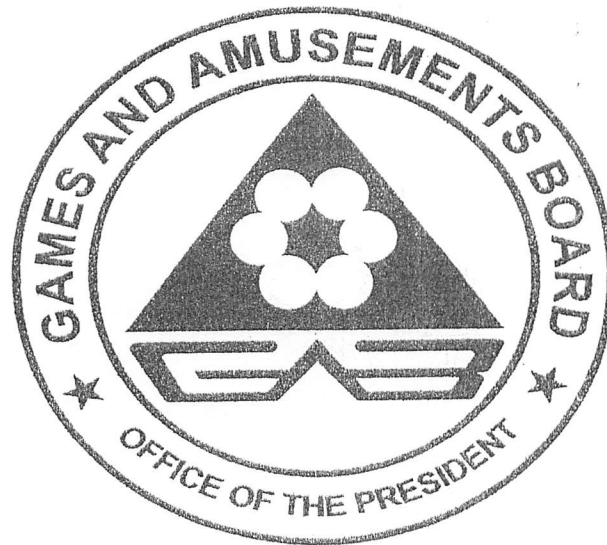
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ACCOMPLISHMENTS

JANUARY – JUNE 2017

Chairman Abraham Kahlil B. Mitra officially assumed the chairmanship of the Games and Amusements Board (GAB) in July 2016. His first acts, together with Commissioner Eduard B. Trinidad and Commissioner Matthew P. Gaston were to institute sweeping changes in the operations of the GAB to rationalize and improve the services that the GAB is mandated to deliver. Several immediate changes, aimed at improving the delivery of service and generating income were implemented in CY2016.

In First Semester of CY2017, the GAB has continued to undertake several projects and programs to strengthen its regulatory and supervisory powers over professional sports, as well as combat the proliferation of illegal bookie joints and other forms of illegal gambling in the Philippines. Among these projects and programs are the following:

1. Reactivation of the GAB Anti-Illegal Gambling (AIGU)

Immediately upon assumption of office last year, Chairman Mitra conducted various consultations on the issues of illegal gambling in the country. Consultations were attended by member-agencies of AIGU pursuant to Administrative Order Nos. 262 and 222 s. of 1992 and 1995, respectively, such as the Philippine Amusement and Gaming Corporation (PAGCOR), Philippine Charity Sweepstakes Office (PCSO), Philippine Racing Commission (PHILRACOM), National Bureau of Investigation (NBI), and Philippine National Police (PNP) Criminal Investigation and Detection Group and Anti-Cybercrime Group.

Since no law enforcement personnel are detailed to GAB, reports of illegal gambling activities received and/or detected by GAB were referred to the NBI and PNP for appropriate action.

In May 2017, through the joint operation of GAB and NBI, a total of 19 individuals involved in the operation of illegal bookie joints were apprehended, to wit:

No. of persons arrested	Date of Actual Raid	Address
2	May 12, 2017	Sentosa Restaurant, 1654 Sentosa Bar and OTB CM Recto, Sta. Cruz, Manila
3	May 12, 2017	FG Eatery and OTB, 898 G. Puyat, Quiapo, Manila
12	May 18, 2017	Park View Hotel, G. Puyat St. Sta. Cruz, Manila
2	May 23, 2017	696 Palawan St. cor. Rd 10, Sampaloc, Manila

2. Issuance of Cease and Desist Order

In line with the regulatory and supervisory authority of GAB over the operation of off-track betting stations (OTBs), the GAB conducted ocular inspections of various OTBs to verify their compliance with the requirements before they can operate.

These inspections revealed that sixteen (16) OTBs have no local business permit or City/Municipal permit pursuant to GAB Resolution No. 05-87, s. 2005 and Resolution No. 07-26, s. 2007. Thus, on March 31, 2017, the GAB issued an Order to 16 OTB operators to Cease and Desist from conducting any betting operations.

3. Streamlining of Procedures of Frontline Operations for Fast Delivery of Service

In compliance with the provisions of the Anti-Red Tape Act (ARTA) as well as the directive of President Rodrigo R. Duterte to streamline applications and processes in the government, the GAB made several improvements on its most availed frontline services as follows:

Frontline Service	Process Improvement	Action Taken to Improve Process	Results/Benefits
Licensing	Streamlining of procedures and shortened turnaround time	Reduced medical and other documentary requirements. Reduced number of signatories	Lessened the cost of expenses for applicants (e.g. medical expenses and other related expenses) Hastened the issuance of IDs/licenses to applicants Increased customer satisfaction
	Implementation of One Stop Shop Mobile Licensing	Assigned personnel to actual events/ sports promotions to conduct "on-the-spot" licensing, particularly in golf, cycling and cockfighting: a. Medical personnel to conduct drug testing and physical examinations. b. IT personnel for issuance IDs/Licenses.	Hastened the issuance of IDs/Licenses to applicants Increased customer satisfaction. Increased revenues for the government through license fees collected

The One-Stop-Shop Mobile Licensing was already implemented in the following places:

Date	Sports	Place
February 4, 2017	Cockfighting	Narra Cockpit, Narra, Palawan
February 28, 2017	Golf	Solaire Resort and Casino, Parañaque City
March 4, 2017	Cockfighting	Noveleta Cockpit, Noveleta, Cavite
March 27, 2017	Cockfighting	GRG Amusement Center, Bacolod City
April 27, 2017	Cockfighting	Tuy Cockpit, Tuy, Batangas
May 8, 2017	Cockfighting	Roligon Cockpit, Parañaque City
May 10, 2017	Golf	The Orchard Golf and Country Club, Cavite

4. Accreditation of Philippine Football League (PFL) under the GAB's regulatory and supervisory authority

Following a series of meetings with the officials of the Philippine Football League (PFL) - a new professional football league in the Philippines, the GAB finally announced the addition of PFL under the GAB's regulatory and supervisory authority. On May 2, 2017, a press conference was held at the GAB's office, which was attended by GAB officials, PFL officials and athletes, to welcome the entry of professional football.

As a result of such accreditation, the government will incur additional revenue from the payment of the corresponding permit fees per game and license fees of all participating players and other PFL personnel.

The league's inaugural season started on May 6, 2017. There are eight football clubs participating in the PFL's first season, as follows:

Global Cebu FC	Stallion Laguna FC
Ceres-Negros FC	JPV Marikina FC
Kaya FC Makati	Ilocos United FC
FC Meralco Manila	Davao Aguilas FC

5. Hosting of the 3rd Philippine Boxing Convention

Last May 11-13, 2017, the GAB hosted the 3rd Philippine Boxing Convention at the Marco Polo Hotel in Davao City. The convention aimed to a) contribute to the strengthening of the foundation of Philippine professional boxing through sound supervisory and regulatory policies that are studied, discussed, reviewed, crafted and updated in the convention; b) help in adopting new and fresh knowledge about proper and adequate safety standards in the practice of professional boxing sport (boxing is essentially a contact sports that requires appropriate measures in the prevention of health and physical risks as well as injuries during competition); and c) identify other boxing measures that need further improvement.

The convention focused on topics such as *Seminar/Workshop on Judging*, which was conducted by Mr. Hubert Minn from the U.S.A. – Chairman of World Boxing Council Ring Officials, and *Seminar/Workshop on Refereeing* which was conducted by International Referee, Mr. Tony Dwayne Weeks, also from the U.S.A. Other topics were *Sports Digital Marketing Resource* by Mr. Paulo Salud, *Legal Updates on the Rules and Regulations Governing Professional Boxing in the Philippines* by GAB Legal Officer, and *Seminar on Medical Aspect* by two GAB Medical Doctors. A boxing event was staged on the second day of the convention at the Waterfront Insular Hotel Davao City, which featured exciting match-ups of homegrown talents.

Guest of honors who attended and delivered their welcome messages were Congressman Gus S. Tambunting (Chairperson of the Committee on Games and Amusements), Congressman Jericho B. Nograles (member of the Committee on Games and Amusements), Congressman Rodel M. Batocabe (member of the Committee on Games and Amusements) and DOH Secretary Paulyñ Jean B. Rosell-Ubial. A representative from the office of Mayor Sarah Duterte also delivered a message in behalf of the honorable mayor.

It was also at the 3rd Philippine Boxing Convention in Davao City where DOH Secretary Paulyn Jean B. Rosell-Ubial officially announced that all Filipino professional boxers may avail of free annual physical and medical check-up including free annual CT Scan and MRI, subject to execution of the Memorandum of Agreement.

6. Free Brain Scanning for all Filipino professional boxers

Another milestone in the history of the GAB is the provision of free brain scanning for all Filipino boxers in all DOH-accredited hospitals in the country. As mentioned in the preceding paragraph, DOH Secretary Rosell-Ubial has agreed to the request of GAB for the provision of free medical examinations for Filipino professional boxers.

The GAB in its desire to help improve the welfare of our professional boxers as well as encourage participation of more boxer-licensees, sought the assistance of the DOH for a possible free CT Scan and MRI for all Filipino professional boxers in all public hospitals in the country.

The rationale behind this is that, medical examinations, such as CT Scan and Magnetic Resonance Imaging (MRI), required before securing annual boxing license, have become the major source of expenses for our country's professional boxers and such expenses not only have diminished greatly our boxers' meager income but also in many cases, have gone beyond their financial capacity - depriving them of their own means of livelihood, not to mention that these boxers put their lives and limbs inside the ring in exchange for meager income.

The GAB recognizes the sacrifices and hardships our professional boxers have to endure in order to improve their standard of living with the hope of becoming boxing champions in the future and bring pride and glory to the Philippines.

Hence, the Provision of Free Brain Scanning will result to financial security for our boxers which can highly serve as a motivational foundation for them not only to work hard but also to later on excel in the boxing sport.

The GAB and the DOH is currently finalizing the content of the Memorandum of Agreement.

7. Conduct of Seminar-Orientation on Football Rules and Regulations

Following the accreditation of the Philippine Football League, the GAB tapped the services of Mr. Juan Miguel David, a former *Fédération Internationale de Football Association* (FIFA) official, to conduct seminar on football rules and regulations on May 18, 2017.

Since football is a relatively new sport under GAB, the conduct of such seminar orientation is important and beneficial to GAB personnel who will be regulating the sport and supervising all the games.

Mr. David oriented the GAB personnel on the history of football, the game officials who run the match and the actual conduct of the sports.

8. Grant of Financial Assistance to Injured Boxers through the GAB Boxer's Relief Fund

The GAB Boxer's Relief Fund was established by virtue of GAB Resolution No. 02-22, Series of 2002 mandating a 1% deduction from Filipino boxer's purse, but not to exceed P10,000.00 per boxer/bout as contribution to the Fund. The Board issued Guidelines to be followed in giving out assistance to the boxers who are in dire need of financial aid, as a result of injury or even death.

The Fund was previously managed by the GAB and maintained at the Philippine Veterans Bank. It was transferred to the National Treasury in compliance with the implementation of the treasury single account (TSA) of the government. Since its establishment, a total financial assistance of P1,278,000.00 was already given to boxers.

In March 2017, the GAB stopped the collection of 1% from the boxers' purse, in compliance with the recommendation of the DBM. However, the cash balance of the Fund may still be used as financial assistance for injured boxers, until such time that the fund has been fully utilized.

This CY2017, after GAB's compliance with the requirements of the Department of Budget and Management (DBM) and Bureau of the Treasury (BTr) with regard to TSA implementation, the GAB had already released financial assistance to the following boxers:

a. Joseph T. Aban	-	P 25,000.00 (Death)
b. Jobert A. Bardon	-	5,000.00 (Injured)
c. Ronnel V. Toquero	-	5,000.00 (Injured)
d. Renante A. Suacasa	-	5,000.00 (Injured)
e. Ronerex V. Dalut	-	5,000.00 (Injured)
		<u>P 45,000.00</u>

Another batch of boxers are set to receive their financial assistance from GAB, pending the issuance of NCA by the DBM. The boxers are as follows:

f. Junuel Lacar	-	P 5,000.00
g. Victor Man-on	-	5,000.00
h. John Lawrence Ordoño	-	5,000.00
i. Renie Dacquel	-	10,000.00
		<u>P 25,000.00</u>

9. Provision of Health Insurance for GAB-Licensed Boxers and Fighters

Boxing and MMA, being a sport where a player is susceptible to injury, requires government regulation and safety standards. The GAB, as always, looks for the welfare of our boxers/fighters as safety is our foremost concern. We have instituted several health and safety measures to prevent our boxers/fighters from any untoward incident that may happen during competitions.

Providing health insurance is a good way to help our boxers/fighters. They are exposed to risk whenever they enter the ring, hence, the need to introduce them to insurance cover for protection, so they do not have to worry about medical bills when they are hurt or injured.

This CY2017, the GAB conducted several meetings with the following health insurance providers which are yet to submit their proposals:

- a. Sun Life Insurance
- b. Philam Life Insurance
- c. LIAMCO Insurance

10. Conduct of Sabong Standardization Seminar

Cockfighting, particularly international derby, was transferred to the regulatory powers of GAB following the abolition of the Philippine Gamefowl Commission and the enactment of the Local Government Code of 1991.

In its effort to create awareness on the role of GAB in the supervision and regulation of cockfighting in the country, the GAB conducted various seminars for cockfighting personnel. Chairman Mitra together with Commissioners' Trinidad and Gaston conducted the seminars and dialogues to upgrade and professionalize the cockfighting industry. The seminars were held in the following places:

Date	Place
February 4, 2017	Narra Cockpit, Narra, Palawan
February 10, 2017	Nat'l Federation of Gamefowl Breeders, Dumaguete City
February 16, 2017	Nat'l Federation of Gamefowl Breeders, Tuguegarao City
March 4, 2017	Noveleta Cockpit, Noveleta, Cavite
March 27, 2017	GRG Amusement Center, Bacolod City
April 27, 2017	Tuy Cockpit, Tuy, Batangas
May 8, 2017	Roligon Cockpit, Parañaque City

11. Conduct of Mixed Martial Arts (MMA) Seminar

Due to the influx of various foreign MMA promotions in the country, the GAB invited Rich Franklin and Richard Auty of One Championship for a series of seminar-workshop for GAB personnel to familiarize with the rules and regulations of One Championship. The two had conducted seminar-workshop at the GAB Office on February 28, 2017 and May 20, 2017. They discussed the rules on scoring, weigh-in, foul, medical and safety standards.

12. Implementation of the new GAB License Renewal System

This CY2017, the GAB started the adoption of a new License Renewal System based on Birthdate, to make it simpler and easier for license holders to renew their licenses since this would just require them to have in mind their date of birth when renewing license.

Accordingly, the validity of license of non-players is changed from one year to two years. While the validity of license of players such as boxer, golfer, cyclist, basketball player, MMA fighter, etc. remains one year, due to medical concern.

13. Global Commitment

The GAB is a long-time member of several international professional sports organizations, and as an expression of commitment as well as to strengthen linkages and develop cooperation and support, Chairman Mitra attended the following:

- a. Meeting with officials of the Japan Boxing Commission and boxing promoters in Japan on April 4-6, 2017,
- b. World Boxing Association Championship fights in Shan Xi Province, China on May 6-8, 2017, and
- c. 34th Annual Convention of the International Boxing Federation held in St. Petersburg, Florida, U.S.A. on May 20-26, 2017.

14. Organizing a Hero's Welcome for Champion Boxers

In CY2016, Chairman Mitra initiated the move to have a Hero's Welcome for boxers who won championship titles and brought honor and glory to the Philippines.

This marked the first time in the history of GAB that such recognition is given to boxers in celebration of their winning in international competition. Last year, boxers' Jerwin Ancajas and Johnriel Casimero were the firsts to be given Hero's Welcome at the GAB Office, for capturing world titles in the junior bantamweight and flyweight divisions, respectively.

Last May 26, 2017, the GAB hosted the Hero's Welcome for Milan Melindo for winning the IBF Light Flyweight title via a first round technical knockout of defending champion Akira Yaegashi of Japan. Melindo and his team was welcomed and cheered by GAB employees.

15. Inclusion of New Professional Sports under the regulatory powers of GAB

Due to intensive campaign of the GAB to encourage participation of all professional sports and games, the GAB conducted various meetings and dialogues with the new or emerging professional sports in the Philippines, such as:

Date	Sports
January 30, 2017	Beach Volleyball Republic
June 7, 2017	Underground Battle MMA
June 7, 2017	Juego Todo (cage fighting using arnis)
June 7, 2017	Tourino (Tour Filipino) Short Circuit Cycling

The dialogues produced favorable results as these sports organizations expressed their willingness to be part of or under the GAB regulation.

16. Adoption of the Revised Boxing Rules and Regulations

As a result of various consultations with boxing stakeholders which started immediately upon Chairman Mitra's assumption of office last year, the GAB had already finalized the Implementing Rules and Regulations (IRR) Governing Professional Boxing in the Philippines. The revisions focused mainly on safety standards and conduct of game. The IRR will be implemented fifteen days after its publication in the Official Gazette.

17. Other activities

Chairman Mitra, as a hands-on leader always see to it that he puts extra time and effort to participate or attend to all GAB-activities and meetings with other government agencies. Aside from his participation in dialogues and consultations mentioned in the preceding portions of this report, Chairman Mitra, together with Commissioners' Trinidad and Gaston attended the following:

- a. Hearings of the House of Representatives on House Bill No. 299, re: "An act granting healthcare, retirement and death benefits to professional Filipino athletes who win world championship titles in international professional sports competitions or in other equally prestigious international championship games and providing funds therefor.
- b. Hearings of the House of Representatives on House Bill No. 4843, re: "An Act Strengthening the Games and Amusements Board and for Other Purposes"
- c. Hearings of the Senate on Senate Bill No. 1306, re: "Creation of the Philippine Boxing Commission"
- d. Meetings of the Technical Working Group on Senate Bill No. 1306
- e. Meeting with officials of the National Bureau of Investigation (NBI) on illegal gambling.
- f. Meetings with GAB officials and employees
- g. Technical Budget Hearing (Tier 2) of the Department of Budget and Management
- h. Exit Conference meeting with COA Auditors
- i. Monthly Ratings of Boxers for Philippine Rankings and Oriental and Pacific Boxing Federation (OPBF) rankings
- j. Sports activities of the Games and Amusements Board's employees
- k. Sports promotions in boxing, MMA, cockfighting, horseracing, basketball, etc.

18. Increase in the Number of Licenses and Permits Issued

As of June 7, 2017, the GAB has already surpassed its target for the number of permits and licenses issued for the first semester of the current year. It even surpassed the accomplishment made in CY2016 (January-June 30, 2016). This can be attributed to the reforms initiated by the current GAB leadership and its directive to employees to become pro-active, in order to encourage the cooperation of existing professional sports under the GAB authority and the new and emerging professional sports in the country.

The details of licenses and permits issued are as follows:

	CY 2016 Accomplishment (Jan.-June 30, 2016)	CY2017 TARGETS (Jan. – June 30, 2017)	CY2017 ACCOMPLISHMENT as of June 7, 2017
LICENSES	2,575	2,642	2,818
PERMITS	1,203	1,138	1,303
Grand Total	3,778	3,780	4,121

The figures are still expected to increase at the end of the semester.

19. Increase in Revenue Collection for the Government

The increased in the number of permits and licenses issued, likewise resulted in the increased of revenue collection for the government. As of May 31, 2017, the GAB collected a total of P5,783,681.25, which already surpassed the revenue collection in CY2016 amounting to P4,772,025.00 (January-June 30, 2016). The income is expected to increase when collection for the whole month of June comes in.

The total revenue collection including 3% share from TV coverage and gate receipts, derby assessment fees, registration fees, etc. is P10,688,536.33. It is expected to surpass the CY2016 collection of P11,085,591.56 at the end of the semester.

For Chairman Mitra and the Board, more changes need to be implemented to ensure that the GAB is continually able to fulfill its mandate.

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